

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of forming an executable program from a plurality of object code modules, each object code module having section data, a set of relocation instructions and one or more symbols, each symbol having a plurality of attributes associated therewith, wherein said relocation instructions includes a data retrieval instruction having a symbol field identifying a symbol and an attribute field identifying a symbol attribute associated with said identified symbol to be retrieved, the method includes: reading at least one relocation from said set of relocations instruction and where said relocation instruction is a data retrieval instruction, determining the symbol identified by the symbol field and retrieving one of said plurality of symbol attributes associated with said symbol in dependence on the contents of the symbol attributes field of said instruction.

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